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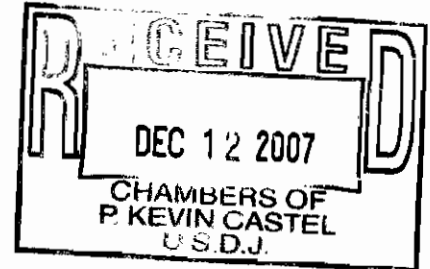
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December 11, 2007

BY HAND

The Honorable P. Kevin Castel
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street, Room 2260
New York, New York 10007



Re: *Hadden v. Mukasey*, 07 Civ. 7909 (PKC)

Dear Judge Castel:

I write respectfully to request a one-month extension of the Government's time to answer the complaint in the above-referenced matter, from December 13, 2007, to January 14, 2007. In this habeas petition brought pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241, the petitioner alleges that he was denied due process during a disciplinary proceeding in which he was found to have engaged in a fight with another inmate. This Office received the agency file from the Bureau of Prisons on December 7, and we request the additional time in order to review the file so that we may respond to the allegations in the complaint. The Government anticipates filing a motion to dismiss the petition.

This is the Government's second request for an extension of time to respond to the complaint. The Court previously granted the Government a one-month extension to respond to the complaint. The Government has not sought the consent of the petitioner, who is incarcerated and representing himself *pro se*.

A request granted
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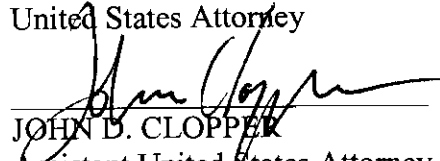
¹ Pursuant to Rule 25(d)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey has been substituted for former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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